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Training and Maneuvers

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1. [REDACTED], the only formal training was a two-hour (1:00-1600) political indoctrination lecture each Tuesday and Friday; each Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1400-1600 there was instruction, demonstration and practice of close order drill, camouflage, tactics, field observation, and patrol types and functions.

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2. Every three months officers of Guard Units, Control Points and battalions were required to attend a six day (60 hours - ten hours per day) refresher course on their functions, duties and responsibilities. The [redacted] held this course in [redacted]. I heard that battalion commanders attended a similar refresher course at [redacted]

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3. Soldiers coming into my unit had already received their recruit training in the recruit training battalion. This battalion received its nucleus and instructors from all battalions in the brigade; NCOs from the class which was being demobilized, selected officers and EM from battalion headquarters. During training, the responsibility of the guard units to guard the border was drummed into them. I heard at officers' meetings in the battalion, and believed from my own observations, that the mission of [redacted] in case of war or an invasion would be to retreat and give way to regular army units.

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4. The only firing range which I heard of, besides the one-stall range behind the [redacted] building, was a three-stall range located near [redacted]. Although ten different types of firing were conducted at this range, I can identify only the following five types:

No 1 - firing a carbine from 100 m at 3' x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' targets with rings numbered from one to ten. Of three rounds fired, a score of 24 was very good; 21 - good; 17 - satisfactory; 16 and less unsatisfactory. This target was considered the most difficult.

No 2 - firing a carbine at 150 m; unringed target

No 2 border-type - firing a carbine from 150 m at a man-size target; four rounds per minute fired

No 6 - firing a carbine from 150 m, 100 m and 50 m at a man-sized fixed target; three rounds fired, with the marksman moving toward the target

TT pistol firing - firing five rounds at a ringed target marked from one to ten. A score of 34-36 - excellent; 30 - very good; 26-28 - good; 24 - passable; below 24 - unsatisfactory

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5. The [redacted] had no chemical warfare training. Our unit had 30 or 40 gas masks from [redacted] but these were later removed to the [redacted] headquarters.

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6. I heard of the following Polish Army training academies:

Military Academy at Warsaw
Political Academy at Warsaw
Military Academy at Krakow

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7. [redacted] units never participated in maneuvers.

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[redacted] I had nothing to do with the training programs or schedules which were worked out by the [redacted] battalion. The battalion in turn received its training directions and instructions from brigade headquarters.

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8. The 10th Guard had only bicycles to use as vehicles. In case the bicycles needed repairs, they were repaired in the unit or were put aside. The major weapon of the unit was the PM (SMG) 7.62mm. Small repairs on these guns were made by the unit supply NCO. Guns with major damages were exchanged for another weapon on hand in the unit supply, and were turned in to battalion supply for repairs.
9. Soldiers of the unit were given constant training and practice in keeping their weapons serviceable.
10. [redacted] and all other battalions and units kept their POL and ammunition at warehouses in [redacted]. I saw these warehouses; however, since I saw in them only pistol, carbine, machine gun and flare pistol ammunition, and grenades, I assume that no artillery, mortar shells or bombs were kept in them.

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